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Huge New Building to House Institute of Defense Analyses

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The Institute for Defense Analyses, a nonprofit organization that prepares scientific analyses for the Department of Defense, will move into a new ten-story building near the Pentagon next spring.

The Institute now has offices at 1710 H st. nw. and at 1686 and 1825 Connecticut ave. nw. It also has offices in Princeton, N. J., and in the Pentagon.

All its projects deal with classified information.

The new building, now under

construction and due to be occupied April 1, is at 400 Army-Navy dr., Arlington, at the corner of South Eads st. and directly opposite the Pentagon.

Institute officials said that the main reason for the move was that Defense asked the group to move out of the Pentagon. The space was needed by the Department.

A few projects dealing with material so secret it cannot be taken from the Pentagon will continue to be housed here, officials said.

The three Washington branches are to be moved to

the new building. The Princeton operation will not be affected.

The Institute will be the principal tenant of the new building and has signed a ten-year lease with the owners, a group known as 400 Army-Navy Drive Associates.

The building will contain about 220,000 square feet of rentable space and will have three underground parking levels. It will have six high-speed elevators.

Defense Analyses will occupy slightly more than 70 per cent of the building. Other leases have not yet been signed.

Members of the group that owns the building were not announced, but it is understood that T. N. Lerner, Washington real estate man, is one.

Ivor B. Clark Co., represented by Robert A. Hoffman and Robert A. Beer, has placed a 22-year first mortgage loan of \$7 million on the structure with New York Life Insurance Co.

The institute for Defense Analyses is a research organization sponsored by an association of 11 universities. Its studies include operations analyses, evaluations of weapons systems, studies of defense technology, and research on security problems.

Its cost reimbursement contracts with the defense department are on a year-to-year basis. Daniel H. Gould, the organization's secretary-treasurer, pointed out that the contracts have been in existence for seven years "so we are rather assuming" that they will be continued for the life of the lease.

Christeller said Defense Analyses has been "informally advised" that this contract will be renewed when the Defense Department's appropriations bill is passed.

Another contract, also amounting to about 40 per cent of the Institute's business, was renewed in May, he said.

Smaller contracts include one covering the group's operations at Princeton, he said. This will expire in October.

President of the Institute is Richard M. Bissell Jr., at one time a deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He resigned from the CIA and joined Defense Analyses in 1962.